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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lowenstein/Moose Briefing on Communism in Cambodia

25X1A 1. As a result of a call from Senator Symington to the Director, a briefing was provided this afternoon for James Lowenstein and Richard Moose, U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad Subcommittee staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on Communism in Cambodia. [REDACTED] of the DDI staff, was included in the briefing and spoke freely on all items covered.

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3. The development of Communist strength in Cambodia was reviewed in detail with some emphasis on present strength and the methodology employed in determining that strength as well as factionalism within the structure and relationships with North Vietnamese forces and the Hanoi leadership.

4. It was stated that the Agency documents requested by the Committee staff relating to this subject are not available for release. This is in keeping with the standard policy of the Agency that internal working documents as well as studies are not available for release. It was pointed out that the substance of the requested documents had been covered in quite some detail in this meeting with both the pros and cons of their development having been presented. Both Lowenstein and Moose appeared to accept this determination.

5. The meeting was a cordial one. There are two followup items:

- a. A copy of the Sihanouk 9 April speech, and
- b. A copy of the [REDACTED] map of Cambodia published in Paris.

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